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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE OF PRG AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ATTENDANCE OF PRG AND AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT FEBRUARY CONFERENCE WITH DAVID MILLER, DIRECTOR, LEGAL OPERATIONS, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHO WILL HEAD CANADIAN DELEGATION. DRAWING ON REFTEL, EMBOFF SPOKE FORCEFULLY TO EFFECT THAT EFFORTS BY PRG AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS COULD DENIGRATE HUMANITARIAN WORK OF CONFERENCE AND URGED THAT GOC WORK WITH USG TO OPPOSE INVITATION TO PRG AND LIMIT LIBERATION MOVEMENT ATTENDANCE AS OUTLINED PARA FIVE REFTEL.

2. IN REPLY MILLER REFERRED TO WESTERN GROUP MEETING IN LONDON JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 1 WHICH HE ATTENDED AND WHERE US VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT WERE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL. AS REGARDS PRG, EXTAFF SUPPORTS US POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO INVITATION. INSTRUCTIONS AWAITING FINAL APPROVAL BY SECRETARY SHARP WILL GIVE CANADIAN DELEGATION AUTHORITY TO VOTE "REPEATEDLY IF NECESSARY" AGAINST ISSUING INVITATION TO PRG. HOWEVER, SHOULD
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CONFERENCE DECIDE TO ISSUE INVITATION MILLER THOUGHT CANADIAN

DELEGATION WOULD NOT ABANDON CONFERENCE ON THAT ACCOUNT,
BUT WOULD GIVE EXPLANATION THAT IT REMAINING AT CONFERENCE IN
PROTEST AND BECAUSE HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS IN THIS INSTANCE
OUTWEIGHED POLITICAL ONES.

3. CANADIAN ATTITUDE ON SEATING OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ALSO
COINCIDES WITH THAT OF USG. MILLER SAID FINAL INSTRUCTIONS
WOULD PROBABLY GIVE CANADIAN DELEGATION FLEXIBILITY TO
ACCEPT ATTENDANCE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS OBSERVERS UNDER
RULE 59 OR 60. HOWEVER, CANADIAN INSTRUCTIONS WILL INCLUDE
FIRM OPPOSITION TO ANY SOLUTION GIVING VOTING PARTICIPATION
TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
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